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### Loggers Remove 250-Year-Old Oak



A giant oak tree, more than 22 feet in circumference and estimated to be 250 years old, was removed from the Feather river bottom near Gridley, California. A segment shown above was cut from a point nine feet from the base and measures an average of 6 feet 9 inches in diameter. The Debell, standing beside the section, estimates he will get \$200 worth of wood from this segment alone.

### Abundant Rains Of Past Winter Only Temporary Solution Of The Water Problem In So. California

Although the abundant rains of the winter season to date are an acknowledged blessing, both for actual and psychological effect, no one should deceive himself into believing that Southern California's water problems are even temporarily solved.

The rains would be a doubtful blessing indeed if they proved to be responsible for any delay in the construction of needed water works.

Even if all the precipitation upon the watersheds draining into the South Coastal Basin (including the Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Santa Ana Rivers as well as many smaller streams), had been placed underground, there would still be ample room for much additional storage. At the beginning of the rainy season, E. C. Eaton, chief flood control engineer, estimated that those basins were holding at least 2,300,000 acre feet of water less than they held in 1914, when water resources in Los Angeles County were at a peak. This is an amount of water approximately equal to the flow of the Los Angeles aqueduct for 12 years.

On the brighter side of the picture, however, are many encouraging aspects. Not only have the rains brought large amounts of available water, but they have indicated again the possibility of additional water conservation and the need of complete flood control.

A recent report of Mr. Eaton states that in addition to natural and regulated surface reservoirs of the County Flood Control District now contain more than 14,000 acre feet of water which is being augmented at the rate of 500 acre feet per day. Without this amount of water would have been wasted into the ocean. It is sufficient in amount to supply 100,000 persons for one year at a rate of 120 gallons per day, which is estimated to be about the normal requirement. At current prices for water it has a conservation value of \$250,000.

Snow now in the mountains is estimated at the equivalent of 150,000 acre feet of water, and although the amount which will enter the basin streams is dependent upon evaporation, accumulations of future rains, accumulations of conserved water, and other factors, the proportions may be anticipated.

Besides the water conserved, there has been wasted to the ocean from unregulated drainages about 67,000 acre feet of water. This is equivalent to the domestic requirements of 500,000 persons for a year and has a current value of \$1,400,000.

Such an amount of water would be sufficient to supply the entire population of Los Angeles County for almost three months. The city of Los Angeles population of Long Beach for three years, and the present population of Pasadena for six years.

When it is realized that all but a small part of this water could have been conserved under a Comprehensive Flood Control Plan, it is exceedingly distasteful in conserving one of our valuable natural resources. Without denying the need for imported supplies, the domestic waters will always be the cheapest and best. No time should be lost in conserving them against waste.

### Keeping Up With Torrance High

The Beauty Lovers Club and the World Friendship Club presented a joint meeting in the auditorium, Tuesday night, March 16. A very interesting program of musical and dance numbers was enjoyed by those who attended. After the entertainment, refreshments were served in the music room.

These clubs are sponsored by Mrs. Granger, Miss Chase and Miss Jones.

A boys' league has been organized, and the meetings are held once a month. The president, Bill Parks, has done much to arouse interest in the league. One purpose of the organization is to create interest in athletic sports by holding inter-class meets. At the last meeting, Coach Thurman spoke on the leading athletes who are to participate in the coming Olympic Games. The next speaker is to be Mr. Ed B. De Groot, international chairman of the boys' work of the Rotary Club.

The girls' inter-class hockey tournament is to begin the week after spring vacation. The girls are looking forward to these games with anticipation.

The junior play, "Take My Advice," is to be presented in the high school auditorium tomorrow evening at 7:30. The cast was carefully selected and the students have worked hard. "Take My Advice" is a modern farce and should provide an excellent evening of entertainment.

For the purpose of deciding what style of announcements are to be selected a meeting of the senior class was called Thursday. The students showed good judgment and chose a modernistic design. Subsequent meetings are to be called to decide on the graduation exercises.

A senior snapshot day was held Tuesday. The park in front of the school was the scene of the pictures. These snaps are to be used to make up a snap page for the annual.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club is to be held hereafter in the dining room of the high school administration building. The girls administration building, under the supervision of Miss Colter, will prepare the luncheon and serve.

Four new books have been added to the high school library. These were obtained by taking the Scholastic Magazine.

The Girls League has asked each class to give one cookie or candy sale this year for the purpose of raising money to pay the expenses of the club. The girls are contributing to the fund and a "candy" night period.

The first candy sale was held Friday under the auspices of the senior girls.

Mr. Wood has been appointed to serve on the arrangement committee for the annual meeting of the high school principals which is to be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. The conference will be in session Monday to Thursday of the coming spring vacation. Mr. Wood will have the honor of arranging all equipment for the meeting. It has been some time since Los Angeles has had the honor of playing host to the high school principals.

This article is not written, as a plea to support the teachers. It is written in order that those who are interested may know the attitude of teachers toward the possible changes in the school organization. Since the proponents and supporters of the charter are giving the public school such a prominent place in the charter campaign, it seems proper that some statement should be made in justification of the broadminded and public-spirited attitude of the community's largest service group—the School Teachers.

**PARTY LINES**  
Of 3275 voters registered in Torrance up to midnight, March 2, party affiliations were divided as follows: Republican, 1844; Democratic, 1154; not stated, 277.



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### Military Training Camp at San Pedro

Military training camps for young men between the ages of 17 and 29 will be held in various sections of California this summer. Young men of this vicinity will be eligible to attend the camp held at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, June 25 to July 27, for training in the basic, red, white, and blue courses and in coast artillery.

### SISTER OF TORRANCE RESIDENTS IS DEAD

Mrs. A. Holling, ill for a long time, passed away at 9 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home in Alhambra. Mrs. Holling is survived by her husband and two sons, Alvin and Roy; three sisters and three brothers, of whom two, Mrs. W. T. Walker and C. A. Benzel, reside in Torrance.

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### Play Offered at Christian Church Sunday

The church school of the First Christian church, Torrance, will present the play, "As Much for Others," next Sunday night, March 20th, beginning at 7:30 sharp. The play, centering in the thought of self-denial, is very humorous as well as dramatic. The following is the cast of characters: Robert Smith, a 11-year-old boy, rather inclined to boasting, Donald Haynes; Lois Smith, an unassuming 12-year-old girl, Donna Marie Toler; Joe Smith, an 8-year-old boy, smart for his age, Virgil King; Mr. Smith, a kindly middle-aged business man, Mr. C. B. Kilde; Mrs. Smith, a motherly woman, tremendously interested in her home, Mrs. C. B. King; Jerry Smith, a 19-year-old college freshman, breezy, given to slang, George Kyle; Jean Smith, Jerry's twin sister with similar characteristics, Mrs. Helen Schaefer. The people of Torrance and vicinity are invited to see the play.

**TRAIN FOR MARATHON**

DETROIT—(U.P.)—A group of seven Detroit swimmers are training for the Toronto marathon swims next summer. Led by Mrs. Evelyn Fear Armstrong, third in the 1929 swim, the group includes two women and five men. One swimmer, Victor Rieventhal, is planning to use the breast stroke entirely in the arduous 15-mile race.

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### Free Water Offer Wins Approval of Superior Judge

E. C. Nelson, president of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, received the following congratulatory letter from Carl A. Stutzman, Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles:

"I write to congratulate you and your associates upon your plan to furnish free water to assist the unemployed to grow garden vegetables this spring. In my opinion this is a very kindly and worthy while undertaking and I believe that the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company deserves special commendation for their public-spirited act."

Mr. Nelson states that City Engineer Leonard is cooperating with him and arrangements have already been made to furnish free irrigating water to several deserving parties.

### Railroads Build New Freight Cars

SAN FRANCISCO.—Indicative of improving conditions on the Pacific Coast and an optimistic outlook for the future, plans for the immediate construction of 100 new refrigerated freight cars for the Pacific Fruit Express Company, at a cost of half a million dollars, were made public today.

The Pacific Fruit Express is owned and operated by the Southern Pacific Company and the Union Pacific System. Announcement of the pending car construction was made here by H. Giddings, vice president and general manager of the company.

All construction work will be in Pacific Coast shops of the company. It was stated, the cars to cost slightly more than \$5,000 apiece.

### Superior Cleaners Sold to San Pedro Man; New Head Will Move Here

P. E. Nelson, proprietor of Chick's Cleaners & Hatters, San Pedro, announced the purchase of the Superior Cleaners & Hatters, 1544 Post avenue, from George Piper.

Mr. Nelson has been in the cleaning business for the past six years and states that the Superior Cleaners and Hatters in Torrance will continue to give the same high type of service which has popularized this establishment under the ownership of Mr. Piper.

George W. Carpenter will be in active charge of the Torrance plant. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter plan to move to Torrance as soon as arrangements can be made.

### 48-YEAR-OLD SOAP FOUND

NORWAY, Me.—(U.P.)—A cake of soap wrapped in a New York Tribune of August, 1884, was found here recently by William Walker while cleaning the bars of his employer. The soap was slightly discolored but otherwise apparently as good as new.

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